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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2002, the Applicants amend this application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (Twice Amended) The introducer sheath according to claim 1, wherein said first and second outer tubes are bonded to each other and to said wire coil, and to said inner tube between windings of said wire coil.

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